

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q80674

Kiyoaki EGAWA

Appln. No.: 10/809,364

Group Art Unit: 3652

Confirmation No.: 7561

Examiner: Micheal S. LOWE

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: STORAGE MEDIUM TRANSPORTING APPARATUS WITH AN IMPROVED  
TRANSMISSION MECHANISM FOR DRIVING A PICKER

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, in which the Examiner has required an election of species, Applicant responds by electing Species A, without traverse. Claims 1-5 and 8-17 read on the elected species. Claims 1, 2, and 8-17 are generic claims.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims are now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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